PHONING GLASS

phoning as the act of using a phone
(techno phenomenology)

spell as manifestation

phoning as faking -
glass as the forever-fake

Grey Wagtail confronting its reflection. Photo via Ganesh Mani Pradhan & Son.

21st Century Occult Poetry

Incantation against Mumsnet (JFGI)

Daisy Lafarge

SIOB

FWIW, SWOI MMTI

OTOH OTOH OTOH

WB, EWCM

OW OW OW POAS!

OW OW OW POAS!

& DH POAS!

AIBU? AIBU? AIBU?

YABU <3 YABU <3 YANBU <3

PFB: PITA

D&V, DTD

SIL TTC RF, WWYD?

"YABOS" "YABOS" "YABOS"

IYKWIM IYSWIM IYKWIM

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DH FTFY / BIL FTFY / DF FTFY / DFIL FTFY

AFAIK, LTB

"HTH! XXX"

Selected Mumsnet acronym index:

AFAIK *as far as I know*; AIBU *am I being unreasonable?*; BIL *brother-in-law*; DF *darling/dear father*; DFIL *darling/dear father-in-law*; DH *darling/dear husband*; DP *darling/dear partner*; DTD *doing the deed/doing the dance (having sex)*; D&V *diarrhoea and vomiting*; EWCM *egg-white cervical mucus*; FTFY *fixed this for you*; FWIW *for what it's worth*; HTH *hope this helps*; IYKWIM *if you know what I mean*; IYSWIM *if you see what I mean*; JFGI *just fucking google it*; LTB *leave the bastard*; MMTI *makes my teeth itch*; OTOH *on the other hand*; OW *other woman*; POAS *pee on a stick (take a pregnancy test)*; PFB *precious first born*; PITA *pain in the arse*; RF *rearward-facing (as in car seat)*; SIL *sister-in-law*; SIOB *sharp intake of breath*; SWOI *shagging without intent (not trying to conceive)*; TTC *trying to conceive*; WB *welcome back*; WWYD *what would you do*; YABOS *you are being oversensitive*; YABU *you are being unreasonable*; YANBU *you are not being unreasonable*

source: https://www.mumsnet.com/info/acronyms

Bark!

Livia Franchini

The business of selling illusions is – wouldn't you say? –
a business that targets vulnerable people.

You think so? You really think so, don't you? [a pause]
Then tell me: who, exactly, are these vulnerable people?

Wanna Marchi, in conversation with Francesca Leosini,
'Io sono Vanna Marchi', *Storie Maledette* (Rai3, 2003)

Red mould grew in the tracks of the tiling at the summerhouse out of
drains
like a clown ghost a bright blood it could follow us around sometimes
a whole afternoon in the heat slide the hem of your vest off one shoulder
or pool salted water in the dent on your lip those days a small distraction
could cost you your fingers permanently stained with the juice of some
fruit

Illumination seemed to be ubiquitous those days certainly for a few
years of this
our late childhood in spite of the fact we were growing fast in spite of
moving light from the T.V. to which we composed the number of the
witch
telemarketing corsets fortunate numbers we were daring each other to
listen

to the phone ring three times say each other's name three times in the
mirror

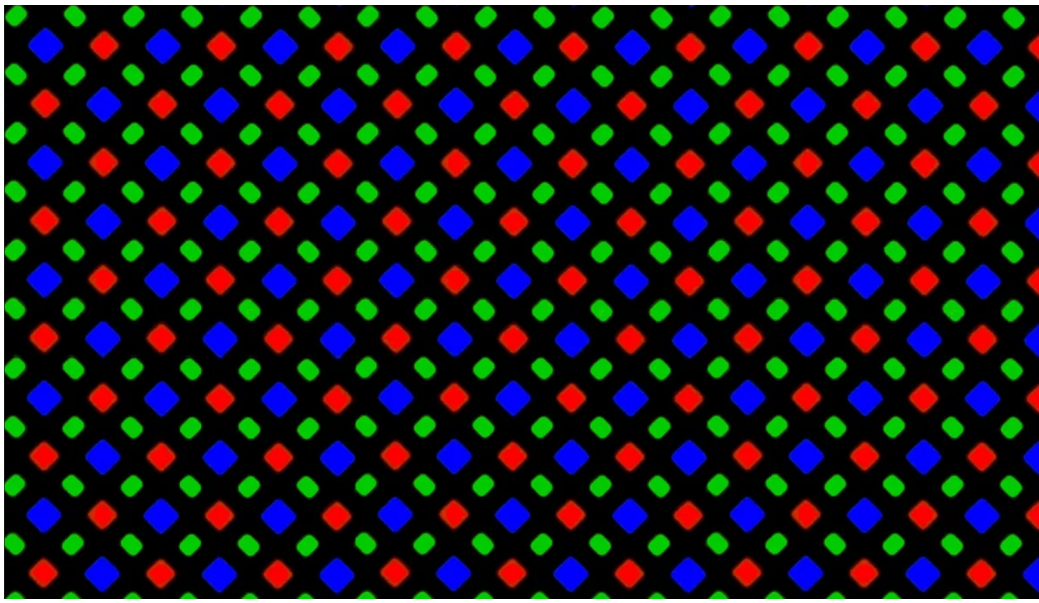
Magic came to us then in short spells from a faraway channel thumbs
swiped
on a forehead a cross salt stirred into a glass cup unbroken eye contact
visible sweat
on the edge of a bright flame fingertips dipped in the soft wax of candles
at dinner
of the red hair of the T.V. presenter her voice the same polish of dark
ficus leaves
dragged face down on a stone floor the damp outline of a body on the
pavement

You could always remember all the names of the capitals reluctant to
drop
the habit of listing them one after the other unprompted the gall of it
you'd been giving us over and over the digits that made up the number
yet
sitting at the adult table that night you seemed to have forgotten
the numbers counting down from a hundred the exact parameters of it

the available magic

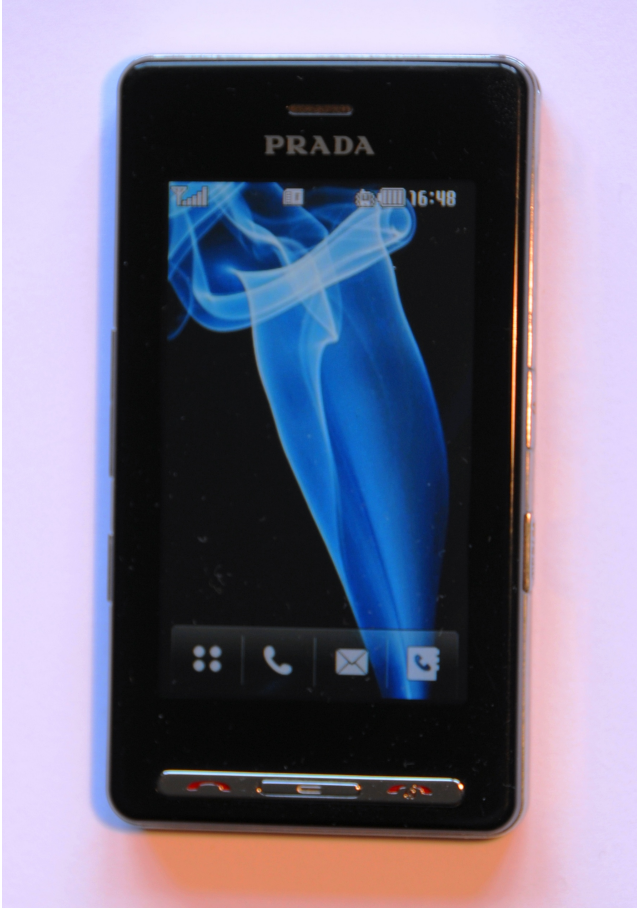
THE MAGICAL OBJECT
/the industrial process
/the gap

from What Is Going On With Rare Earths Going Into Next Year? by Adam English, 2020



A closeup of the diamond subpixel arrangement on the iPhone X's Samsung-built OLED, courtesy of Raymond Soneira/DisplayMate.

TACTILITY



PRADA Phone by LG (KE850)
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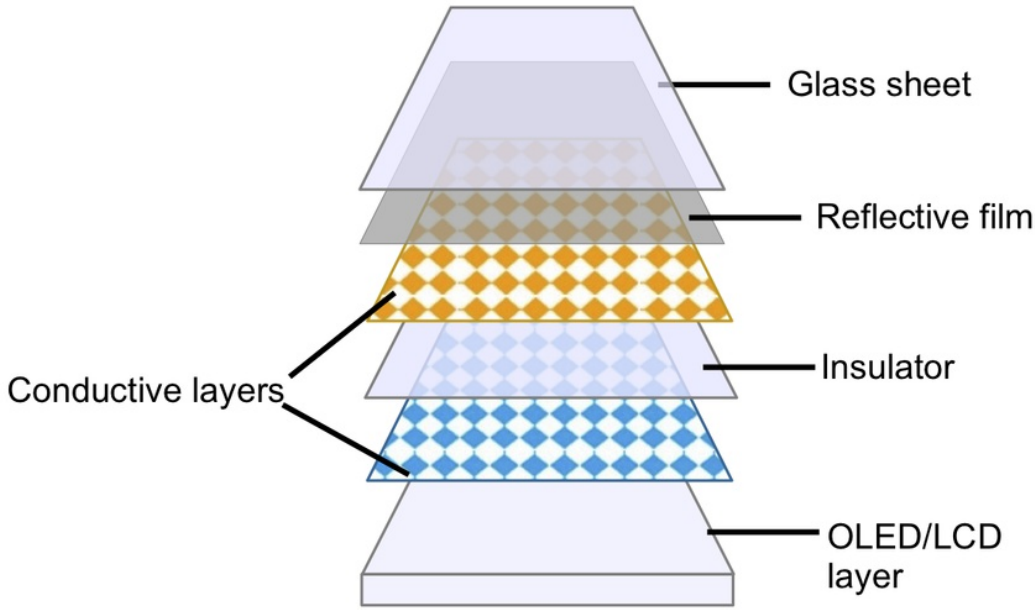
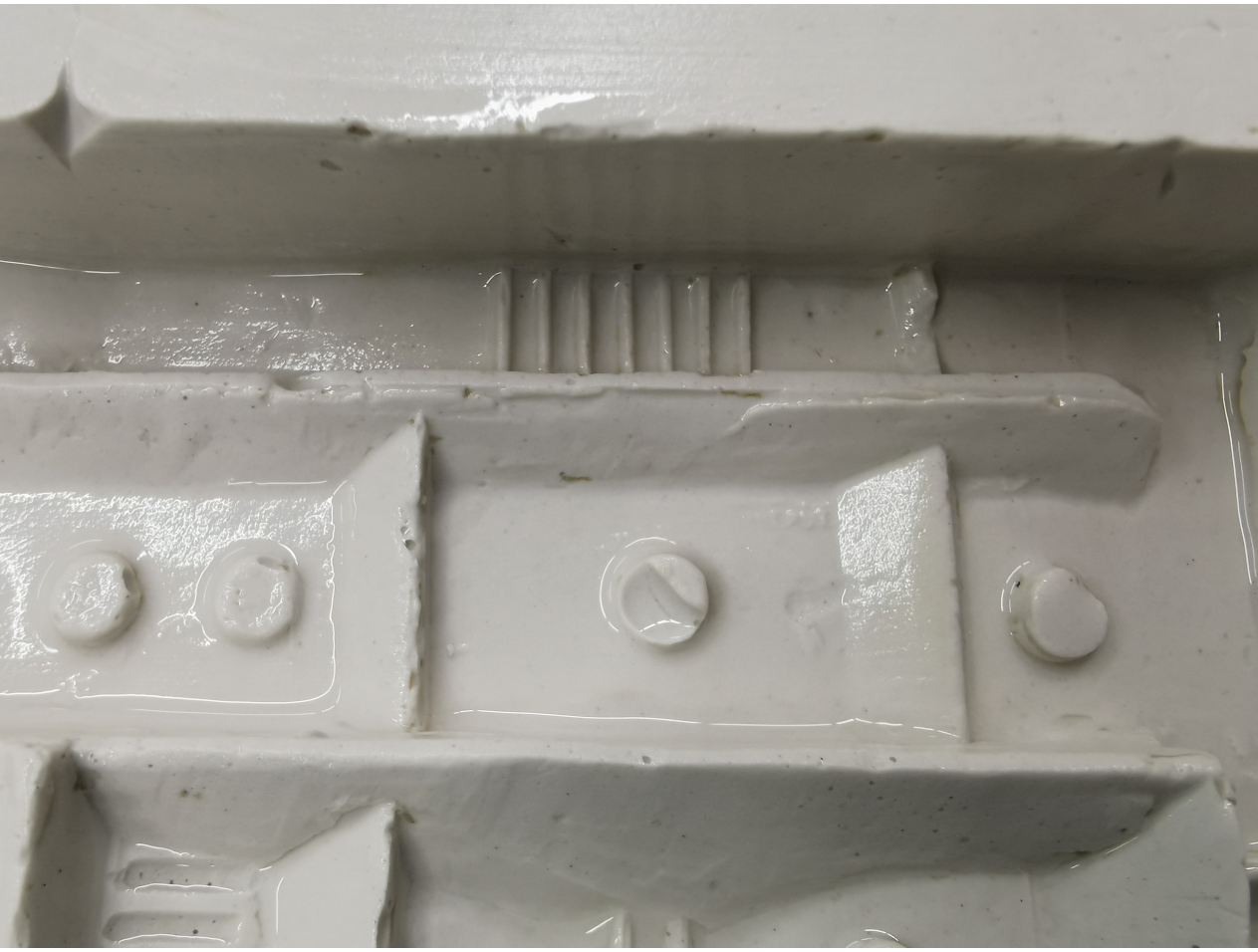


Structure of a capacitive smartphone touch screen.
from iSTELAN: Disclosing Sensitive User Information by Mobile Magnetometer from Finger Touches

SURFACE TRUTHFULNESS



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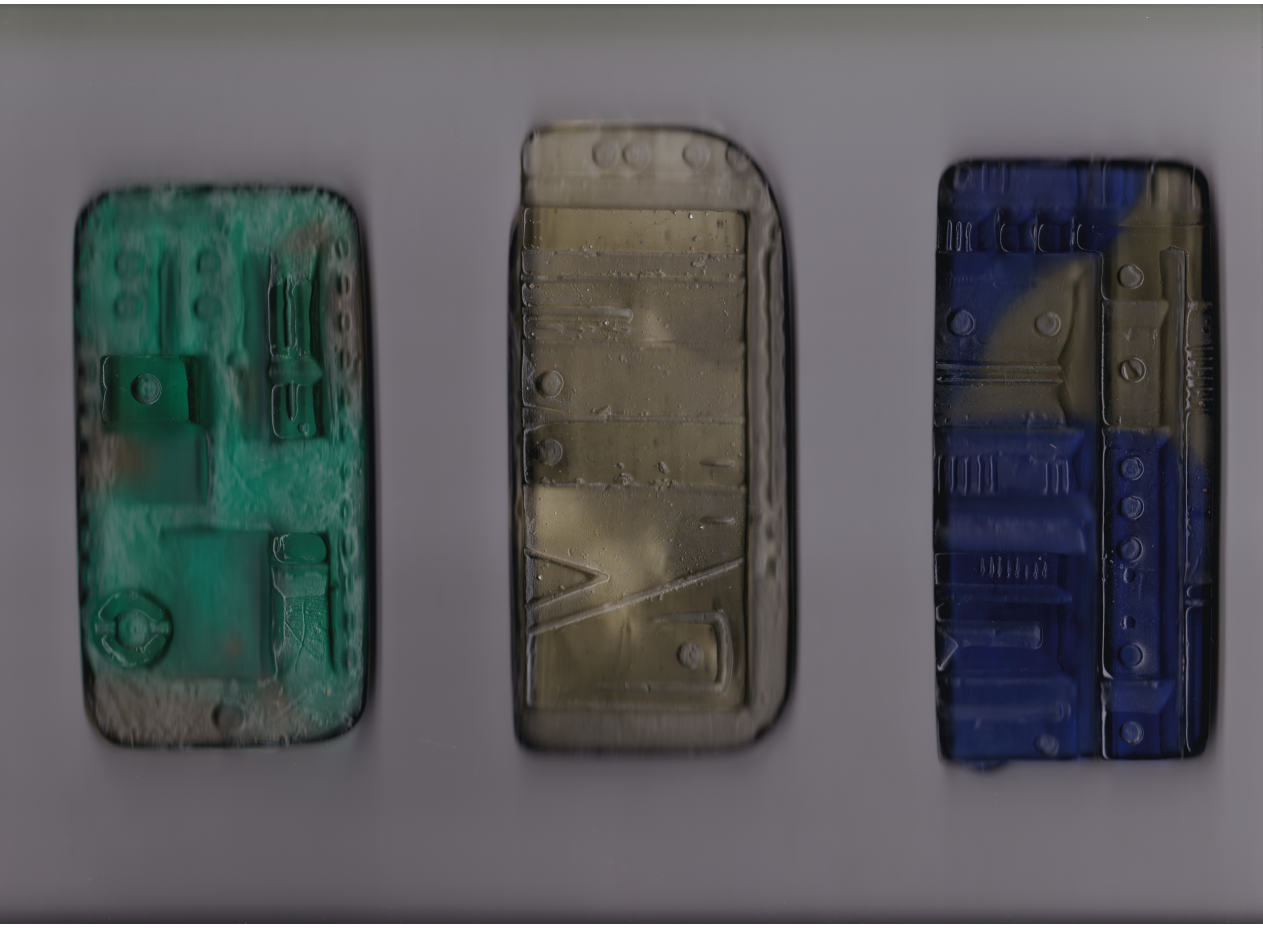


SCRYING

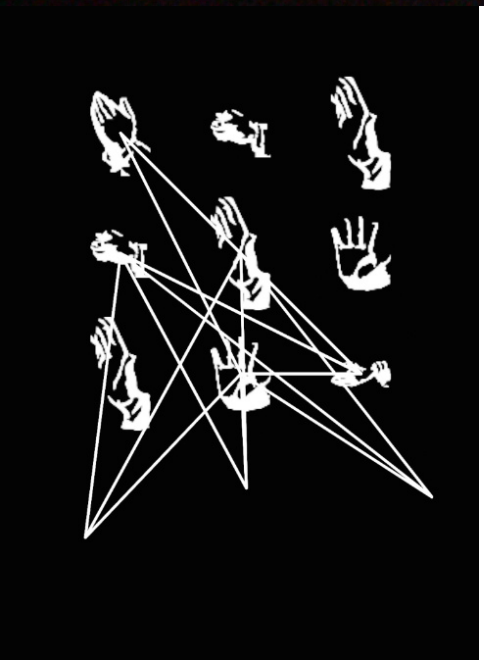
Scrying, taken from the English word 'descry' (to catch sight of something that is difficult to discern), has been variously defined as 'the faculty of seeing visions in a smooth surface or clear deep, or both' (Besterman 1924, 2); 'an occult method for obtaining oracular visions in water, glass or crystal' (Tyson 1997, xvi); and 'the deliberate act of perceiving events that lie beyond the range of the physical senses by using the agents of the unconscious mind' (Tyson 1997, 3).

The silvery, shiny and translucent surfaces of crystals, mirrors or water remind us of the moon, poetically associated with the role of mediator between the elemental life on earth and the immaterial life of the spirit.

Voss, Angela. "Scrying." The occult world. Routledge, 2014. 580-591.

THE MAGICAL USER
THE MAGICAL USE

IN RELATION



*from **Incantation, 2021***
p5.js web app for a ritual drum

*from **Golden Call, 2022***
interactive AR app and Instagram filter

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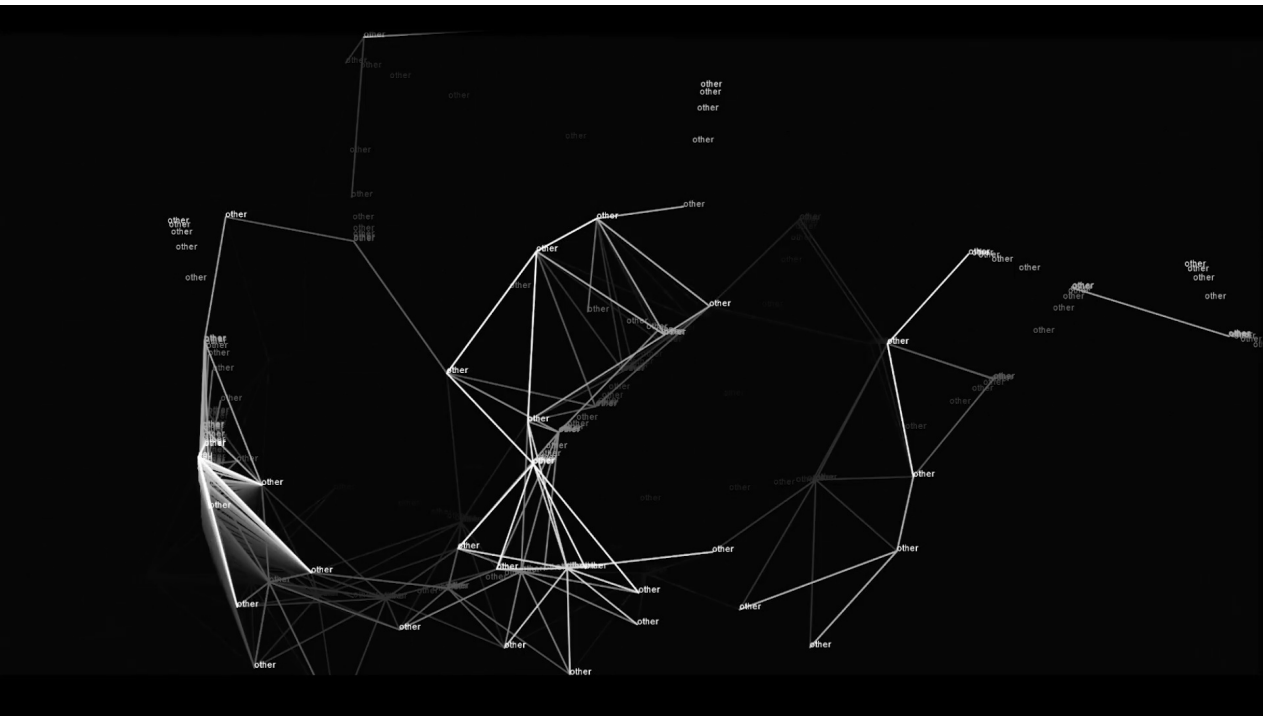

DIVINATION

ultimate sleek
embedding electronics
water drip transparency

Touchy feely

Carry the phoning glass in your pocket for a day

Everytime you accidentally touch it instead of your phone - follow your touch

Let your hand be excited by the experience of the unfamiliar sleekness

Repeat until the phoning glass is the new sleek

Scry

Take the phoning glass, turn the smooth side towards you

Look until you receive a vision

Through the looking glass

Take the phoning glass
Experience the world looking through it

Continue until the world turns transparent

Surface tension

When you want to watch something on your phone, place the phoning glass on top of the screen

Watch the phoning glass break the surface tension

Morning alarm

Place the phoning glass where you place your phone during sleep

Sleepily touch it

Wake up from the unfamiliar response

Changeling

Use the phoning glass for everything you use your phone for

Let it become the new phone

Imposter

Include your phoning glass in the phone economy:

Take it to a repair shop and ask for it to be repaired

Give the phoning glass to a secondhand phone shop

Sell the phoning glass to someone

Long distance call

Use the phoning glass to make a long distance call to the spirit world

If they do not pick up, leave a voice message

Entanglement

Link your phone to the phoning glass

If one breaks, shatter the other